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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) ~~SECURITY INFORMATION~~

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Finstertwalde Airfield

EVALUATION see below

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 27 December 1951, 32 twin-engine low-wing monoplanes, probably Pe-2s, with double rudder assemblies and in-line engines were counted in front of the hangars at Finstertwalde airfield. (1) Between 27 December and 2 January 1952, the hangars were closed. On 27 December, a twin-engine plane was observed crashing about 2,000 meters west of the runway. The plane was gutted by fire and the crew killed. The aircraft wreck was guarded. On 28 December, red coffins were brought to the scene of the accident  No flying was performed at the field between 27 December and 2 January. During that period, the planes were parked on both sides of the taxiway.

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- 25X1 2. On 30 December,  drove twice from the field to the railroad station carrying two officers who wore blue ribbons around their caps, and 50 soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Suggage was also carried. The officers and PW boarded the train leaving for Halle-Leipzig. (2)

- 25X1 3. A radio installation with four masts was about 1,000 meters west of the runway. Each of the masts was braced twice and fitted with three insulators. A small wooden cabin was in the middle of the square of masts. (3)

4. Between 3 and 4 p.m. on 10 January, the field was occupied by 8 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, slightly tapered wings and trapezoidal rudder assemblies, apparently IL-10s, 9 type-30 jet bombers, and 15 Pe-2s. (4) The officers who had left the field were allegedly transferred to the U.S.S.R. (2) Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field

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- 25X1 (1) The occupation at Finstertwalde airfield was probably unchanged as of 27 December 1951. According to previous information, the field is occupied by two bomber regiments equipped with an estimated total of 80 PE-2s. Most of the planes were probably parked in the hangars on the day of observation.

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- (2) This observation indicates that changes are possibly under way at the field.
- (3) The radio installation is an Adcock DF station which was repeatedly reported at this location.
- (4) The change in the occupation of the field requires confirmation. The presence of jet bombers is possible, because an [redacted] allegedly 25X1 observed in Granienburg that three trains with the bomber regiment from that field left Granienburg for Finsterwalde between 29 December 1951 and 2 January 1952. [redacted] It is possible that some jet bombers of the Northern Air Div were transferred to Finsterwalde to facilitate the re-equipment of the units there with jet bombers.
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- (5) [redacted] ground units of the bomber regiments or bomber corps headquarters stationed in Finsterwalde.

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